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APPROVAL, BONDS OF SHARONVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT,
HAMILTON COUNTY—\$30,000.00.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 6, 1930.

Retirement Board, State Teachers Retirement System, Columbus, Ohio.

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LEASES—STATE LANDS—HOW EXECUTED.

SYLLABUS:

Leases of State lands adjacent to the reservoirs mentioned in Section 471, General Code, should be executed on behalf of the State of Ohio by the Conservation Commissioner. Leases of such other state lands as, under the provisions of Section 472-1, General Code, are within the jurisdiction of the Conservation Council, should be executed in such manner as the Conservation Council may by resolution direct.

COLUMBUS, OHIO, March 7, 1930.

HON. J. W. THOMPSON, *Commissioner, Division of Conservation, Columbus, Ohio.*

DEAR SIR:—This is to acknowledge receipt of your recent communication requesting the preparation of lease forms to be used in leasing State Reservoir Lands under the provisions of the Conservation Law, so called, which was enacted by the 88th General Assembly as Amended Senate Bill No. 131, and which went into effect July 25, 1929.

The request made in your communication requires a determination with respect to the proper authority to execute leases of this kind on behalf of the State of Ohio. The determination of this question calls for a consideration not only of the provisions of Amended Senate Bill No. 131, above referred to, but of other statutory provisions relating to State Reservoirs and Reservoir Lands, and likewise of the applicable statutory provisions relating to the Department of Agriculture as the same is set up as a department of the State government in the Administrative Code.

The status of State reservoirs and reservoir lands as public parks is fixed by the provisions of Section 469, General Code, which reads as follows:

“The body of water and adjacent state lands in Licking, Fairfield and Perry counties, known as the Licking reservoir or Buckeye Lake; the body of water and adjacent State lands in the northwestern part of Logan County, known as the Lewistown reservoir or Indian Lake; the body of water and adjacent lands owned by the State, in the county of Mercer, known as the Lake St. Marys, the bodies of water and adjacent lands owned by the State consisting of the Summit County lakes and reservoirs of the Ohio canal, known as the Portage-Summit reservoirs, together with the Summit lake and sufficient of the Summit level of the Ohio